# Parental Information and Update 10th June 2020



Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope that you and your family are well and continuing to cope as well as possible in the ongoing circumstances. We appreciate how hard the situation is, in so many new ways, for all of our children and families and we thank you again for all of your support in our Remote Learning. We also thank you for the many good wishes and thanks that you have sent to us over the last few weeks which continue to mean a great deal to all of the team.

As you are aware, we have made some changes to our Remote Learning just for these last three weeks of term. We hope that these have provided a fresh perspective for our children and that they are enjoying the Sports theme this week. We also hope that being given some advance information regarding key themes in learning to come is proving helpful. If you are able to, please do keep an eye on our Twitter feeds as we have had both children and staff sharing what we hope are fun and engaging messages there.

## **Recovery planning for August 2020:**

During the course of the last week, further information has been shared from East Renfrewshire Authority and we have thereby been able to begin confirming certain aspects of our planning looking ahead. This is of course ongoing given the many aspects involved. I am conscious that the whole school community is keen for greater clarity and we will continue to provide this as soon as possible. All schools in the authority are working to the same time line of sharing information with their families. During the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June, we have our next Parent Council meeting at which I will share further aspects of our whole school planning. Later that week, I will write to you again providing further detail. Then, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June we will share a comprehensive overview of organisation and planning that can be expected for August.

### **End of year reports:**

As previously confirmed, end of year reports will not be paper-based this year but rather will be emailed out to all families. This will happen during the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June so that all reports will have been mailed out by the end of that week.

#### **Skills and Progression information:**

During our last Parent Council meeting, it was requested that overview material about our children's learning could be shared/ re-issued to support our families. The following links will therefore take you to information that we hope you find helpful:

<u>Literacy – including for Reading and Spelling Strategies</u>

Numeracy – including for mental maths strategies

Numeracy – core skills progression booklet

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## June Planning and Class Teacher information for Session 2020-21:

As some of you will know, we have put in place our arrangements for the following activities in June:

- our new P1s (for August) transition experiences during week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June
- our Giffnock Nursery Class goodbye/ transition visits during week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup>
- our P7 Giffnock transition visits during week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June
- our P7 Woodfarm High School Transition visits during week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- enhanced transition experiences for small numbers of our children in order to support their learning needs

As part of this, some of you will be aware the Mrs. Lynne Downie and Miss Eilidh Noble will again be our Primary 1 class teachers next session. For all other classes, the new class teacher names will be shared with you on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, the same day that we had already planned for this to happen in the Parental Calendar.

It has been wonderful to continue making our cautious, step by step return into school and I very much look forward to the day when we can speak again in person. In the meantime, our office staff are now once again back in school during normal hours and you can therefore, alongside using our school email, phone the office on 0141-570-7180 with any issues that you may have.

Kind regards,

**Rob Lawson** 

**Head Teacher**